

Dear Booth,

May 10. 1872

Linderman

On receiving your  
letter this morning I  
immediately sent you a  
telegram which this  
explains itself. - a few  
moments afterwards,

I met Judge Kelly &  
showed him your letter.

He immediately suggested

that the call on the  
Secretary be accordingly

sent direct to him. &

latterd the matter over.

Judge Kelly protesting

vehemently against

your making up

this excess of haste.

The Sec. after patiently



hearing the case at once  
said "I would prefer  
the worth of any loss  
if there was any authority  
of law to do it."

He held no doubt  
how the subject of receiving  
deposits of base bullion  
at the Mints. Carefully  
examined as soon as  
the Bullion report is  
received.

There is no need  
of any alarm or hasty  
action. The question at  
issue is to what  
extent under what  
restrictions, conditions &c  
this class of bullion shall  
hereafter be received at  
the Mints. - How much

to your Bullion -

The Secretary understands  
the difficulty to be due to the receipt

of large quantities of bullion, & it  
is evident our monetary loss in refusing  
these is not enormous, as far as the  
amount of specie is concerned, as  
the amount of specie is not large  
enough to be of any great  
value. - How much



My position in Civil  
and Comagie Matters,  
requires me to speak  
with Caution & after due  
Reflection on any important  
point. Having this fully  
in view I do most  
unhesitatingly affirm  
that you ought not  
to suffer the loss  
arising from the  
excess of Passage  
unless facts clearly  
and generally presented  
shall show the  
matter in some other  
light than a  
personal dispute  
and that all